

A True
RELATION
Of the Horrible Bloody
Murther and Robbery,
Committed in
HOLBOURN,

Next door to the *Cross-keys-Tavern*, in the
House of Esq; *Black*, one of the six
Clarks; The Murther committed on
the Body of one

Widdovv Brovvn,

An ancient Retainer to that Family.

Which Murder and Robbery was Com-
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of *August* instant.

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ON the aforesaid fifth of *August*, the Squire
being out of Town with all his Servants
at his Countrey-house, at *Hansden* in
Heriford-shire, about twenty miles from
London, having given charge and trust of his house
to an antient retainer to his Family of known Fe-

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dility, whose care and diligence was manifested to the last, she having expressed both by the posture she was found in; the Evening before this Horrid murder, she charg'd the Milk-Woman that serv'd the House, that she should call the next Morning, because she should have occasion for some Milk, which accordingly she did; when coming to the Door she found it open, not as it used to be, at which being amazed, she first knocked at the Door for a considerable time, but neither seeing any person, nor hearing any voice she went in, where to her greater astonishment she found the body of the aforesaid Widdow Brown lying in the Parlor with her feet over the threshold, with a Coverlid thrown over her, which made the first discovery of this Horrid Murder and Robbery, upon which coming forth strangely affrighted with this sad spectacle, the Neighbours questioning the reason of her affrightment, she relating the cause, immediately a Constable was sent for, who came as speedily. At which time one of the Esquires Servants from the Country, accidentally coming to fetch some necessaries he was sent for, who meeting the Constable, and seeing such a Tumult at the Door was much astonished, but hearing what was done, he with the Constable was a spectator, not only of that sad spectacle of the Murder of the House-keeper, but also went with the Constable to observe what mischief was further acted, and upon search found all Doors and Locks broke open, in the which robbery the

the loss is no way to be computed without the estimate of the Esquire; who onely knows that great loss he hath sustained; The jealousies concerning the actors as yet undiscovered. 'Tis hop'd, time will produce, and Justice will reward those two great and crying sins rarely remaining without discovery, and vengeance following at the heels.

'Tis strangely remarkable that this poor Creature should thus horribly lye strangled black in the face, and cold when she was first found, with her thread about her neck, wherewith she had been working the bloody Actors not content with binding or gaging, which might have been security sufficient for their intended design of Robbery: but 'tis feared the apprehension of their after discovery prompted on that lamentable Butchery; the expedition of which Acts gives a further suspicion, it being so sudden.

The very morning after the Esq; went out of Town, and that opportunity was a sufficient encouragement to those Confederate Villains to prosecute their desperate and damnable design; 'tis unquestionable these bloody actors were well known to the aforesaid House-keeper: otherwise 'tis suppos'd their cruelty had not extended so far.

'Tis further observable, that she never used to let in any into the house; but such, whose voice she well

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well knew; for the street-door, nor the lock were not broke although after they had entered, the other locks, both of room, trunks, &c. were all broke, and all the said place miserably ransakt, the richest moveables no doubt taken away, all except one plate-dressing-box, which was left on a Cupboards head.

The Corronar and Jury have found it murther; the actors of which doubtless the hand of Divine Justice will find out.

'Tis sad to consider that *Adams* Transgression should still reign; It began in *Cain* the first murtherer, and lives to this day; the Flood that destroyed the old World did not sink this sin, the last Days were foretold to be perelous times. *Satans* power appears, daring-sins gather head: sad examples we hear of daily; *Judas*-like self murtherers are heard of, sence of great sins is estranged, and open prophainess lookt upon as no sin; Gods Judgements slumber not, though sinners sleep, and Conscience is mute at present, or understandings are beclouded with ignorance; but he that neither slumbers nor sleeps will discover Actors, and Actions, Words and Thoughts; and although Judgement be not executed speedily upon the wicked, and the Hearts of Sinners be set to do Mischief, Yet remember (saith Solomon) for all these things God will bring all these former and latter Sinners to Judgement.

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Remember whatsoever hath been done in the most secret Cell, shall at last be discovered and proclaimed upon the house-top.

Oh that all these late sad examples, which several have so lately suffered the hand of Divine and Humane Justice for, might take that good and everlasting Rule, given to Israel upon this account, might take effect, which was that Israel of old, was therefore spectators of the hand of Justice, that so they might see Justice executed, and hear Sentence past, that they might hear and fear, and do no more any such thing, vvhich is the great design of the publication of these Relations.

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